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P.N.E.U. NOTES.

Chairman of Committee: Dr. A. T. Schofield. *Vice-Chairman:* Algernon C. P. Coote, Esq., M.A. *Hon. Org. Sec.:* Henry Perrin, Esq. *Secretary:* Miss Paterson. Pamphlets giving full particulars of the work of the Union, and the *Parents' Review* (6*d.* monthly), the organ of the Society, may be obtained from the Secretary, 28, Victoria Street, S.W., to whom all subscriptions and communications should be sent.

CENTRAL (BELGRAVIA) BRANCH.—*Sec:* Miss Paterson, 28, Victoria Street, S W —On December 4th, a lecture was delivered by Miss Shackleton, at 35, Cranley Gardens (by the kindness of Mrs. Guy Pym), on "The Study of Natural History as a means to Mental and Moral Development." Mr. Guy Pym took the chair and a lively discussion followed, turning chiefly upon the point whether children should be permitted to take life for the purpose of collecting, and the sense of the meeting appeared to be that, if allowed, it should only be under the strictest limitations. On January 18th, at 4.30, Mr. T. G. Rooper, H.M.I., will address the branch at 50, Albemarle Street, by the kindness of Mr. John Murray, who will preside. On February 22nd, at 5, Dr. Francis Warner will lecture on "A Study of Children," at 2, Carlos Place, Grosvenor Square (by the kindness of Mrs. Dent). It is hoped that Sir Geo. Young, Bart., will take the chair. A course of training lessons on "Botany," by Miss Shackleton, is being arranged, and will be duly announced.

HAMPSTEAD BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Mrs. C. Herbert-Smith, The Retreat North End, Hampstead.—The second meeting of the session was held on November 21st, at 74, Fitzjohn's Avenue (by the kindness of Mrs. Pidcock), when Mrs. Stewart-Headlam spoke on "The Management of Money; a Necessary Instruction for Children." Mr. H. Howgrave-Graham presided, and initiated a discussion in which Miss Eva Young, Mr. White-Wallis, and others took part. In January Mr. G. Armitage Smith will speak on "The Study of History in its bearing upon Education, Mental and Moral."

HYDE PARK AND BAYSWATER BRANCH.—*Hon Sec:* Mrs. E. Franklin, 9, Pembridge Gardens, W —On November 19th an interesting paper was read by Miss Burstall, on the "Co-education of Boys and Girls." Dr. Schofield in the chair. There were about fifty people present, and an animated discussion followed the lecture. On December 18th Miss Wells was announced to speak on "The Early Training of Children." On January 30th Miss C. M Mason will read a paper on "P.N.E.U. Principles," at 8.30., at 141, Westbourne terrace, (by kind permission of Mrs. Schofield,) Dr. Schofield in the chair. February 20th, "The Hygiene of Needlework," by Miss Helen Webb, M.B., at 23, Oxford Square, Hyde Park, (by kind permission of Mrs. Spielmann). The chair will be taken by Mrs. Howard Glover at five o'clock. Tea and Coffee, 4.30.

The following courses have been arranged:—Christmas holiday lectures to children over eight, by A. Westlake Andrews, Esq., B.A., F.R.H.S., at the Paddington Baths, Queen's Road, Bayswater, 3 to 4. For particulars see December number, page 798. A small carpentering class is being started for the holidays.

A course of lectures to Mothers at 9, Pembridge Gardens, by Miss Helen Webb, M.B., commencing at the end of January, on "Physiological Psychology," or "Where Mind and Body meet," treating of such subjects as memory, attention, habit, etc, Fee for course of ten lectures 25s.

A student of the House of Education will give a course of lessons in drawing and brushwork on Fridays, 4 to 5, for children from 7 to 12. Fee, £1 1s. per term. Further particulars from Hon. Sec. These courses are open to *all* members of the Union

STREATHAM BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec:* Mrs. Strode, Bankside, Leigham-court Road, S.W.—During the Christmas holidays, the following lectures will be given in the National Schools, Mitcham Lane, Streatham, (by permission,) at 4 p.m.:—January 3rd.—Geology. "The Action of Water upon Land." By Cecil Carus-Wilson, Esq., F.R.G.S., Oxford University Extension Lecturer. (Lime-light illustrations). January 8th.—Astronomy. "An Evening with the Telescope." By Sir Robert Ball, F.R.S., Lowndean Professor of Astronomy and Geometry at Cambridge. (Lime-light illustrations). January 10th.—Physiology. "Travels in the Interior." By A. T. Schofield, Esq., M.D., Lecturer for the National Health Society. (Diagrams and illustrations). January 15th, at 4.30.—Electricity. "Practical Electricity." By Henry Edmunds, Esq., M.I.E.E. (Illustrated by experiments). January 17th.—"Automata and Mechanical Toys." By Conrad W. Cooke, Esq. (Lime-light illustrations).

Tickets—Family Tickets to admit Three to the Course, 21/- Ditto, to admit Four, 25/- To members of the P.N.E U., to admit Three to the Course, 15/- Ditto, to admit Four, 18/- Single Lectures, 2/- each person.

WOODFORD AND WANSTEAD BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Mrs. Pedley, Grove Cottage, Wanstead. A most interesting paper was read on November 9th, by Mrs. Henry Fowler, entitled:—"The Child is Father to the Man." There was a good attendance, and new members were enrolled. Mrs. Pedley kindly undertook the Secretaryship in place of Mrs. Spedding Curwen, who retired owing to ill health. In December there was to be a lecture by Dr. Wilson, of Leytonstone, and in January, Mr. C. Carus-Wilson will deliver two lectures on Geology.

CLAPHAM AND WANDSWORTH BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Miss Beveridge, 13, Cedars Road, Clapham Common. On December 4th, a drawing-room Meeting, to inaugurate this branch, was held at Elm House, Northside, Clapham Common (by kind permission of Miss Penfold), when Dr. Schofield delivered a lively and interesting address, which we regret the pressure on our space forbids us to summarize. The Rector of Clapham presided, and in spite of the fog, there was a very good attendance. Mrs. E. L. Franklin then gave an account of the work of the Bayswater Branch, and of the Natural History Club. It is intended to issue shortly a programme of future work.

HIGHGATE AND CROUCH END.—*Hon. Sec.* (pro tem.): Dr. G. Handcock, 2, Christchurch Road, Crouch End. Arrangements are being made for a Meeting to be held about January 20th, to inaugurate this branch, when the Headmaster of Highgate School may be able to preside.

READING BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Mr. William Salmon, 56, London Street. The Annual Meeting of this Branch was held on December 1st, when the arrangements for the coming year were discussed. Particulars will be announced later. The library of the branch, which now numbers 47 volumes, will receive a grant for the purchase of further works bearing on education, and the Hon. Sec. will be glad to receive names of any such books that readers of the *Parents' Review* have found useful.

SOUTHDOWN BRANCH:—

Brighton Centre.—Hon. Sec.: Mrs. William Borrer, Pakyns Manor, Hurstpierpoint.—On 26th October a large number of members and their friends met at Abinger House, by kind permission of Lady Louise Loder, to hear Mrs. Walter Ward give an account of The Norland Institute. She also spoke on the advantages of Kindergarten training. The President (Lady Louise Loder) then announced the winter Programme, and read the syllabus of a course of lectures on Children's Health, by Dr. Schofield, especially adapted to the requirements of the P.N.E.U.—On November 24th Professor Sully addressed the members at 8, Brunswick Road, by kind permission of Mrs. John Gordon Dill. The subject of the lecture was: "Some gaps in our knowledge of Children's Minds."—On December 7th Mr. J. Russell had arranged to give an address on "Slöyd." On account of a sudden death, he was obliged, however, to postpone it.

Eastbourne Centre.—Hon. Sec.: Mrs. G. F. Butt, Ingleside, Selwyn Road.—On November 13th the Rev. H. Carruthers Wilson, M.A., delivered a lecture, at the Caldecott Museum, on "What to read, and how to read," the Vicar (Rev. H. Bickersteth-Ottley, M.A.) in the chair. The hall was well filled, and the lecturer, who spoke for an hour and a half, maintained the close interest of his audience throughout.—On November 28th, at a drawing-room meeting held at the house of the Hon. Sec., a very valuable address was given by Miss Wedgwood on "Maternal self-sacrifice, true and false."

Hastings and St. Leonard's Centre.—Hon. Sec: Mrs. Edward Venables, S. Bernard's Lodge, St. Leonard's.—November 26th. A discussion meeting was held at S. Bernard's Lodge, on "Training Children in the Management of Money." A paper was read by Mrs. Basil Woodd.—Chairman, Andrew Murray, Esq. —Two lantern lectures are arranged, on January 9th and 10th, for children.—1. "The making of the Land."—2. "The unmaking of the Land." By Mr. Cecil Carus-Wilson.—The next meeting is to be held on January 17th. Address by the Hon. and Rev. Edward Lyttelton, on "Parents and Children."—Chairman: Dr. Bagshawe.

SHEFFIELD BRANCH.—*Hon. Secs.:* Mrs. Newton Coombe, Brocco Band, Sheffield, and Miss Walmsley, The High School.

LEEDS BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Mrs. Arthur Smithells, 4, St. Chad's Gardens, Far Headingley.—On November 20th, a lecture was delivered by Miss Powell, Principal of the Girls' High School, on "The Relation of the School to the Home," Mrs. Eddison in the chair. The following meetings have been arranged for next year: January.—Mrs. Miall on "The Teaching of a Language." February 5th.—Mrs. Creighton on "The value of Hardness in Education." March.—Mr. T. G. Rooper. Miss Simpson will also give a series of addresses on "How to Teach Natural History to Children," fortnightly during Lent. Fee for the course of four lectures, 3/6.

CARDIFF BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Mrs. Greener, 1, Clare Street, Riverside.—A lecture was delivered on the 24th of November, at 3, Park Place, by Dr. Milward entitled, "Some Thoughts on Education." The chair was taken by the Rev. St. Clare, there was a good attendance and a discussion followed. On December 14th, Miss Collin, B.A., Headmistress of the Intermediate School, was announced to read a paper entitled, "The School considered in its relation to Home Life."

SCARBOROUGH BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Mrs. G. Rowntree, 14, Valley Bridge.—On November 20th, Mrs. Miall gave a most interesting paper on the "Teaching of a Language." The paper led up to a very interesting discussion. The next lecture will be on December 11th, the subject being the choice of the "Teachers' Guild," viz:—"Glimpses at Secondary Education," by Henry Hallgate, Esq., of Whitby.

The December "Drawing Room" is put off till January.

SOUTHPORT BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Mrs. James Dixon, 8, Preston Road. A Meeting was held at Lady Wheler's, on November 23rd, when an address was delivered by Mrs. Alfred Booth, of Liverpool, on "Home Influence." There was a good attendance.

BROUGHTY FERRY BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Mrs. Don, The Lodge, Broughty Ferry, N.B. Arrangements are being made for some lectures, probably on Brush Drawing and Botany.

DUNFERMLINE BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.* (pro tem.): Henry Beveridge, Esq., Pitreavie, Dunfermline, N.B. A Course of Lectures in Botany, with practical microscopic work, specially arranged to meet the requirements of parents and teachers in making an educational use of this Branch of Nature Lore, is being delivered under the auspices of this branch by Mr. T. R. Marr. The class has now been carried on for several weeks, and is steadily attended by about 12 students. Other work is being arranged.

EDINBURGH.—*Hon. Sec.* (pro tem.): Mrs. Whyte, St. George's Free Church.

ABERDEEN.—*Hon Sec.* (pro tem.): Mrs. Lawson, 43, Hamilton Place.—A meeting was held on November 26th at the house of Dr. Williamson, Union Terrace, Aberdeen, for the purpose of considering the formation of a branch of the P.N.E.U. in Aberdeen. Rev. Dr. Danson was invited to preside, and there was a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen. Apologies were intimated from (among others) Rev. Drs. Cooper, Salmond, Robson, and Robertson; Dr. Ogilvie, Gordon's College; Dr. Ogilvie, Training College; Revs. Mr. Clow, Kilpatrick, &c.—A meeting will be held in January to inaugurate the new branch, which already numbers between thirty and forty members, including the Rector of the Grammar

School, the Head Mistress of the Girls' High School, and Professor Scorgie of the Aberdeen School Board. The branch starts under the fairest auspices, and with the prospect of useful work, which is assuredly not diminished by the ignorant and childish attitude of the local press.

STIRLING.—*Hon. Sec.:* Mrs. J. Drummond, Red Croft, Stirling.—On October 23rd, by the kindness of Mrs. James Drummond, Miss C. M. Mason addressed a drawing-room meeting on the P.N.E.U. There was a good attendance, and steps are being taken to form a branch.

Natural History Club.—The Second Annual Exhibition of the work done by members of this club, their children, and friends, was held in the large hall of the Church of England High School, Graham Street, kindly put at the disposal of the club by Miss Wolsley Lewis, the head-mistress. There were about a hundred exhibits.* Miss Whitley, B.Sc., and Mr. E. R. Sykes, F.Z.S., Hon. Sec. of the Malacological Society, kindly criticized and judged the specimens shewn. A great many children in the P.R.S. sent their year's collections and nature books, and the very beautiful nature note-books of some of the students and ex-students of the "House of Education" were a prominent feature of the exhibition. The tables set apart for these, and for the collections made by some of the Board School children in the lower hamlets, were perhaps those round which one usually saw the largest group of visitors. There were altogether about 100 visitors, and the general feeling seemed to be that next year the exhibition should be opened for more than one afternoon, so that the exhibits could be more carefully studied. One also regretted that so many exhibitors lived at such a distance from London as to render it impossible for them to be present, and to derive the great advantage of comparing their work with that of others. Perhaps in the near future the local branches will have exhibitions of their own before sending their collections up to London, and thus follow the example of the Hastings and St. Leonards Branch, who had initiated that plan this year. Such interchange of ideas must lead to a greater union between the branches. It is hoped that the favourable report of this year's exhibition will fire all to do still better next year, and that there will be a still greater increase in the number of exhibitors. Some alterations have been decided upon on the future arrangements of the club.

It is now proposed to substitute for the Quarterly Suggestions a series of Lessons in Natural History Subjects, such lessons to take the form of monthly letters written by Mr. Francis J. Rowbotham, of Chilworth, Surrey. These letters are intended to serve only as guides to parents and teachers. They will aim at being complete, but they should be enlarged upon and illustrated. It will be most essential that they should be taught to the children, not studied by the children alone. It is hoped that they will be a real help to those who wish their children to learn about and to love Nature, but who rightly feel

* Owing to pressure on our space, Miss Whitley's Report on the Botanical Collections is held over till next month.—ED. P.R.

that they themselves ought to be far better acquainted with the subject before they can presume to teach it.

Mr. Rowbotham's object in his letters (especially in the Junior Course) will be to help the children in the first place to use their eyes, to observe, and to think about what they see; and secondly, to acquire some simple, but well-ordered knowledge about what they have themselves noticed. He will help the teacher by sketches and diagrams in the letters, and encourage the children to draw what he describes, so that their impressions may be clear. Each monthly letter will contain enough material for about four lessons, the division of the matter being left to the discretion of the teacher. A summary of contents will accompany each letter, together with suggestions for work to be done by the pupil. The use of a text book in the Junior Course will not be necessary except for occasional reference.

The subjects for the year 1895 are Botany and Geology. Further subjects may be added later, if there is a demand for them. Two Courses are offered in each subject:—

1. A Junior Course for actual Beginners.
2. A more advanced Course for Seniors, or those who have already made some progress in the study.

Mr. Rowbotham will be glad to see the children's drawings and to hear particulars of their progress, but it is not considered desirable that the children should be set any definite work for him. In the Senior Course he will be happy to advise upon and correct work, where this may be desired.

The Subscription to the Club is still 2/6 for members of the Union, 5/- for non-members. This Subscription will entitle members to attend a lecture on some subject connected with Natural History, to be held in the Spring, and to exhibit at the Annual Exhibition. The Subscription for the course of twelve letters is:—Junior Course of Botany and Geology, each, 18/-; Senior Course, ditto, ditto, each, £1 8s. The courses may be taken for six months at half the above fees.

Syllabus of courses may be had on application to the Secretary.

Report on the Zoological and Palæontological Collections.—By ERNEST RUTHVEN SYKES.—"The Exhibition this year shows a considerable advance, both in number and quality of the exhibits. There has also been a wider range of subjects studied: the collection of fossils being, perhaps, the weakest, while the recent shells are undoubtedly the strongest. The beetles and flies are also rather neglected, owing, perhaps, to their requiring some preparation, and a certain amount of technical knowledge. The shell collections are far better as regards the larger species than the smaller, these latter having apparently been rather overlooked. It is very pleasing to see that the exhibitions this year were much more scientifically arranged, and that they were sorted rather with a view to keep the various species together, and not with so much of a desire for effect.

The following deserve honourable mention:—

F. H. Anson, for a pretty little box of minerals and Gault fossils.

Mary and Frances Anson, for a careful and neat collection of sea shells.

Mrs. Armstrong and Harry Armstrong, for an interesting and well-arranged collection of granite, minerals, and Silurian fossils.

Lucy and Eugenia Arnold, for a well-arranged collection of sea shells, mounted very effectively on black card-board.

May Beveridge, for, by far, the most numerous collection of British sea shells.

Elsie, Willie, and Bertie Beveridge, for a very carefully arranged collection of British shells.

Board School, Church Street, Stoke Newington, for collections of land shells, sent by the *Infants' Department, and C. Bolt, J. Coles, F. Harding, K. and E. Kerry, M. Richardson, A. Westinacott, B. Young.*

The Misses Chaplin, for a small miscellaneous collection of Natural History objects.

D. E. Cooper, for well-arranged land and sea shells.

Sydney, Marjorie, Geoffrey, and Olive Franklin, for pretty collections of British sea and land shells

G. S. Hett, for stuffed birds and animals, quite a model collection.

Lucy Holland, for butterflies and moths.

H. G. C. Hynes, for two fine boxes of British and Foreign beetles.

Mrs. Kersey, for a well-set collection of moths and butterflies, and some dragon flies.

Kathleen Kersey, for mounted feathers, and a cabinet of shells.

Edwin Montagu, for shells, butterflies, and beetles.

Maurice and Muriel Perrin, for an exceedingly ingenious raised map of the world in wax.

Ralph Tanner, for well-arranged minerals, shells, and Tertiary fossils.

Mrs. Whitaker Thompson, for an aquarium containing sea-anemones, also some shells and chalk fossils.

Faith and Persis Venables, for a very interesting and excellently illustrated Nature Note Book.

Enid White-Wallis, for a very good note book of the Natural History of a Garden.

Miss Whitley, for a handsome drawer of *Conus*.

Alfred Wyman, for a nice cabinet of shells, fossils, and coral."

Hon. Local Secs. are requested to send to the undersigned, without delay, reports of all matters of interest connected with their branches, written on one side of the paper only, also 30 copies of any prospectuses or other papers they may print.

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Miss Mason will be "At Home" on Tuesday, January 29th, from 9 to 11 p.m., at 9, Pembridge Gardens, Bayswater (by the most kind permission of Mrs. Franklin), and will be glad to see any friends.

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PARENTS' REVIEW

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"Education is an atmosphere, a discipline, a life."

THE RELATION OF SCHOOL TO HOME.

A Paper read before the Parents' Union, Leeds,

BY MISS H. S. POWELL,
Head Mistress of the Girls' High School.

I SHOULD, perhaps, feel bound to apologise for addressing a meeting of mothers were it not for the knowledge that I have something to give—and that is, a point of view. It is impossible for the wisest of mothers to see the work of education in quite the same light as the teacher, or the teacher to see it in the same light as the mother, without free communication between the two, and it is the help I have derived from the discussion of their children with individual mothers which gives me the courage to address these words to parents in their collective capacity. Nothing, I feel convinced, helps to the attainment of the common aim of parent and teacher so much as frequent and candid intercourse between the two. It is strange how often parents apologise to me for writing or calling about their children: "I know it's too bad to take up your time;" or, "It's a shame to trouble you." I feel inclined to answer, "What am I here for? How else should I spend my time? How *can* I do my best for your child when I only know half of her;" and I might add, "How can you do the best for her when you only know the other half?"